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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1681

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, GE, UR

SUBJECT: NEW FACILITIES OPENED AT CHECKPOINT ALPHA

1. IN A MOVE WE HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATING FOR SOME MONTHS, NEW SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN AUTOBAHN CHECKPOINTS AT HELMSTEDT-MARIENBORN (CHECKPOINT ALPHA) WERE OPENED AT 0001 SEPTEMBER 24. IN RESPONSE TO AN ALLIED REQUEST MADE IN JUNE, THE SOVIETS HAD GIVEN ALLIED CHECKPOINT PERSONNEL BRIEFING ON NEW FACILITIES SEPTEMBER 6. ALLIED PERSONNEL MADE RECONNAISSANCE AS SOON AS NEW CHECKPOINT OPENED LAST NIGHT AND FOUND THAT SOVIET BRIEFING WAS ACCURATE CONSEQUENTLY, WE WERE SUFFICIENTLY WELL PREPARED TO BRIEF ALLIED TRAVELERS ON NEW CHECKPOINT ARRANGEMENTS DESPITE THE FACT THAT SOVIETS PROVIDED ONLY FIVE HOURS' NOTICE OF ACTUAL TIME OF OPENING NEW FACILITIES. FIRST ALLIED TRAVELERS

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TODAY HAD NO DIFFICULTIES IN TRANSITTING THE FACILITIES, WHICH

ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE ALREADY IN  
OPERATION AT DREWITZ AT BERLIN END OF AUTOBAHN CHECK-POINT  
BRAVO.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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